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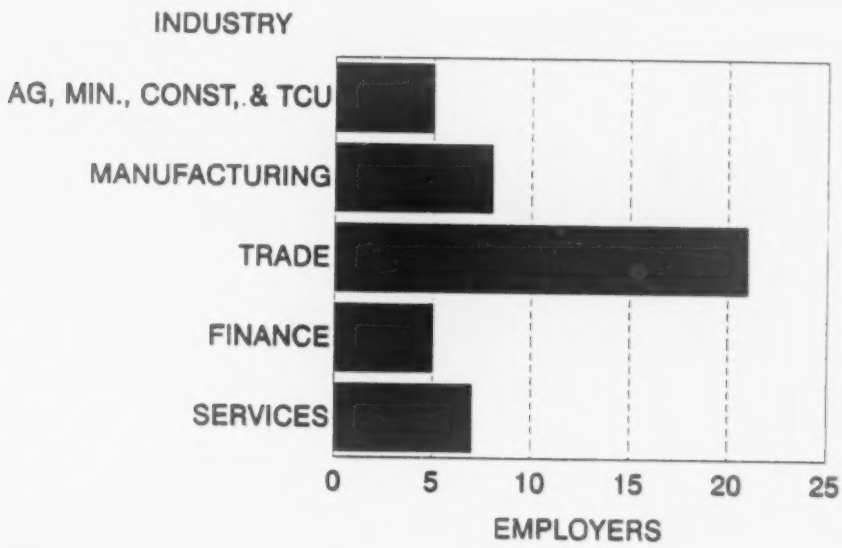

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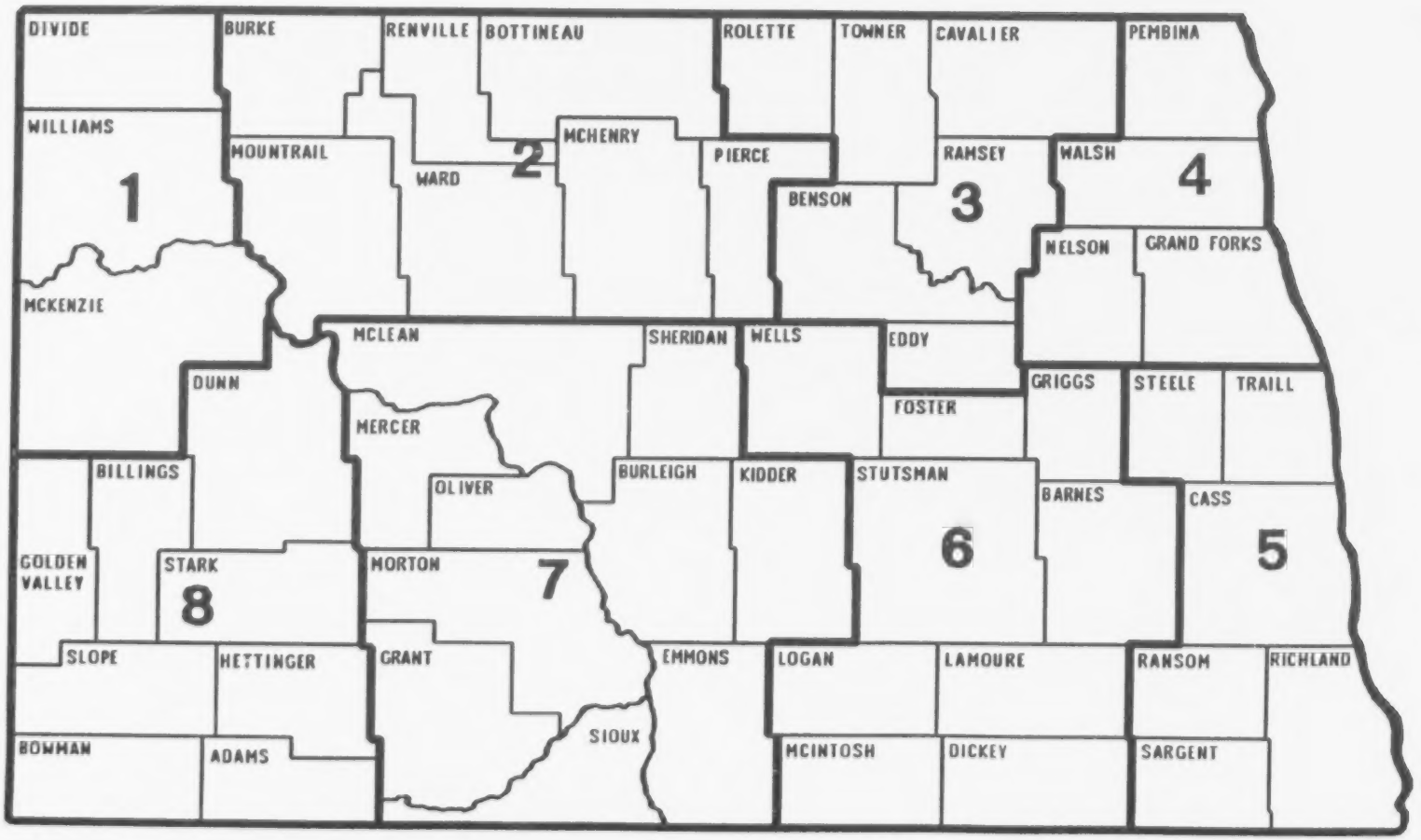

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46 PLANT CLOSING AND MASS LAYOFF NOTICES RECEIVED

In the past year, North Dakota received 46 plant closing and mass layoff notices involving 804 permanent full-time and part-time workers.

When any employer is faced with the difficult decision of closing a business or having a major layoff, the outcome may have a negative impact on the workers, their families, area businesses, and the community. This may mean job loss, less income, a tight local economy, and people leaving the area for other employment. The effects could be devastating--if not on the community, at least on the workers involved.

The Federal Economic Dislocation Worker Adjustment Assistance Act (EDWAA) was passed to assist employers and their employees as they deal with the day-to-day realities brought on by a plant closing or major layoff. This program's intent is to assure that the negative impact of dislocation on the workers is lessened as much as possible. It also assists the affected workers in their quest to find new jobs or be trained in new career areas as soon as possible.

The Governor and the Governor's Employment and Training Forum designated Job Service North Dakota as the state's Dislocated Worker Office. Area coordination and provision of these services is the responsibility of the regional and district Job Service managers. Located in the agency's administrative office in Bismarck, the Dislocated Worker Unit is responsible for state-level coordination, providing technical assistance, and monitoring.

In addition to a variety of programs already in place, other dislocated worker services may include rapid response. Its purpose is to: 1) provide information on, and facilitate access to, available public programs and services; and 2) provide emergency assistance adapted to the particular closure or layoff. The on-site contact with the employer and/or employee representatives is preferably done within 48 hours after becoming aware of the current or projected plant closure or substantial layoff. Representatives from other resource agencies and organizations may be asked to participate. Based on the initial contact with the employer, the situation, and the number affected (usually over 20 workers), the Job Service manager determines the activation of a rapid response. Two optional approaches exist for that team aside from Job Service taking the lead.

Depending on the size of the dislocation, one option is to set up a Labor Management Committee consisting of equal representation by management and workers under the leadership of a neutral chairperson. They would facilitate an organized process for re-employment of those affected. Another option is the Community Advisory Committee composed of community and company representatives to facilitate a similar process.

Once a contact is made with the employer to verify the situation, the Job Service manager submits a written notification to the Dislocated Worker Unit. These notices are based on plant closings and substantial layoffs which result in an employment loss of 20 or more workers at a single site of employment during a 30-day period. The overall impact of the layoff on the community determines if it is a substantial layoff. The number of affected workers is not the sole determining factor.

Excluding any temporary or seasonal layoffs, the notifications received by the Dislocated Worker Unit from July 1, 1990, through June 31, 1991, totaled 46. For the 8 individual regions, the minimum was 1 notice and maximum was 12. Business closings numbered 34,

while the firms with substantial layoffs totaled 12. The reasons for the closings and layoffs included: 1) poor sales, 2) losing money, 3) bankruptcy, 4) ownership change, 5) nonrenewed contracts, 6) cost factors such as freight, 7) low enrollment, 8) owner retirement, 9) relocation, 10) loss of their lease, and 11) corporate office decision.

According to the notifications, the affected workers totaled 804 in permanent part-time or full-time employment. However, some of these workers were hired by new owners, transferred, retired, withdrew from the labor market, or obtained employment on their own. Therefore, additional services were not necessary for them.

The number of occurrences within specific sizes of layoffs is called the "mode." There were four each of the following sizes: 4, 5, 6, 11, and 17 affected workers. The "median" by company shows one-half of the businesses had 11 or fewer affected workers, while the other half had 11 or more affected workers. This gives a truer picture of the layoff size and its relationship to the other businesses. The "mean" average is 804 affected workers divided by 46 notices and equaling 17.5 workers.

Rapid response was initiated for 41 of the notifications. This resulted in the development of one Labor Management Committee and one Community Advisory Committee during the Program Year 1990.

If interested in more information on the Dislocated Worker Program, contact your local Job Service North Dakota office or Barb Serr of the Dislocated Worker Unit at 224-3066.

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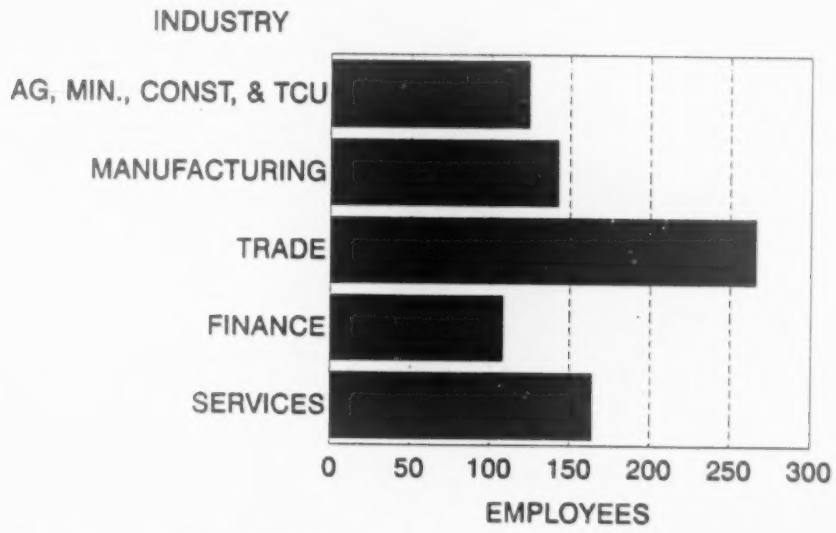
JULY 1990 THRU JUNE 1991



The following lists business types, the number of notices within each, the number of affected workers, and their occupations in general.

Business type	Notices Received Per Type	Number of Permanent Workers Affected	Affected Occupations
Wholesale	1	49	Management, account representatives, merchandisers, warehouse personnel, clerical.
Retail	15	91	Sales, secretary/ bookkeeper, management, meat cutters, stock clerks, mechanics, glaziers, yard person, driver, laborers.
Restaurants	3	97	Cooks, waitresses.
Finance	5	108	Tellers, data entry, file clerks.
Manufacturing	6	120	Assemblers, cutters clerical, maintenance, sewing machine operators, mixers, production workers, shipping & receiving.
Seed Processing	2	29	Production workers, management.
Tool & Die	1	5	Tool & die related.
Newspaper	1	17	Printing related.
Plant Maintenance	2	35	Secretary, supervisors, union trades, building maintenance.
Hospitals & Clinics	3	112	Registered nurses, licensed practical nurses, laboratory technicians, maintenance, clerical, dietary, housekeeping, medical records, laundry, x-ray technicians, food services.
Schools	3	34	Teachers, cooks, custodians, secretary, bus drivers.
Communications	2	17	Office staff, technicians.
Mining	1	50	Engineers, production supervisors, clerical, heavy equipment operators, mechanics, laborers.
Harvesting/packaging	1	40	Laborers, pickers, packagers.
Total	46	804	

NORTH DAKOTA
NONAG WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT

(Rounded to fifty)

INDUSTRIES	CURRENT MONTH	PREVIOUS MONTH	% CHANGE FROM	ONE YEAR AGO	% CHANGE FROM
Benchmark 90/1	August 1991	July 1991	July 1991	August 1990	August 1990
TOTAL NONAG	269,300	269,500	-0.1%	265,550	1.4%
GOODS PRODUCING	34,800	34,300	1.5%	34,050	2.2%
MINING	4,800	4,900	-2.0%	4,500	6.7%
Coal	1,050	1,050	0.0%	1,050	0.0%
Crude Petroleum & Nat. Gas	3,200	3,300	-3.0%	3,000	6.7%
Other Mining	550	550	0.0%	450	22.2%
CONSTRUCTION	12,600	12,200	3.3%	12,300	2.4%
Building Construction	2,900	2,900	0.0%	2,900	0.0%
Street, Highway & Heavy	4,000	3,700	8.1%	3,600	11.1%
Special Trade Construction	5,700	5,600	1.8%	5,800	-1.7%
MANUFACTURING	17,400	17,200	1.2%	17,250	0.9%
Durable Goods	9,150	8,900	2.8%	9,200	-0.5%
Fabricated Metals	1,100	1,100	0.0%	1,200	-8.3%
Machinery, Electric & Trans. Equip	5,500	5,250	4.8%	5,600	-1.8%
Machinery & Electrical Equipment	4,100	3,800	7.9%	4,000	2.5%
Transportation Equipment	1,400	1,450	-3.4%	1,600	-12.5%
Other Durable Goods	2,550	2,550	0.0%	2,400	6.3%
Lumber & Wood	1,150	1,150	0.0%	1,150	0.0%
Misc Durable Goods	1,400	1,400	0.0%	1,250	12.0%
Nondurable Goods	8,250	8,300	-0.6%	8,050	2.5%
Food & Kindred Products	4,200	4,250	-1.2%	4,000	5.0%
Dairy Products	600	600	0.0%	700	-14.3%
Grain Mill & Bakery Products	1,200	1,100	9.1%	1,100	9.1%
Sugar & Confectionary	600	600	0.0%	600	0.0%
Other Foods	1,800	1,950	-7.7%	1,600	12.5%
Paper Products & Printing & Publishing	2,500	2,500	0.0%	2,500	0.0%
Other Nondurable Goods	1,550	1,550	0.0%	1,550	0.0%
SERVICES PRODUCING	234,500	235,200	-0.3%	231,500	1.3%
TRAN, COMM & UTILITIES	17,100	17,000	0.6%	17,200	-0.6%
Transportation	8,900	8,700	2.3%	8,800	1.1%
Trucking & Warehousing	5,000	4,900	2.0%	5,000	0.0%
Other Transportation	3,900	3,800	2.6%	3,800	2.6%
Railroads	1,950	1,850	5.4%	1,950	0.0%
Local & Suburban Transportation	650	650	0.0%	650	0.0%
Water, Air & Pipeline	1,300	1,300	0.0%	1,200	8.3%
Communications	3,500	3,600	-2.8%	3,500	0.0%
Utilities	4,700	4,700	0.0%	4,900	-4.1%
WHOLESALE TRADE	19,300	19,400	-0.5%	19,700	-2.0%
Durable Goods	9,000	9,100	-1.1%	9,100	-1.1%
Nondurable Goods	10,300	10,300	0.0%	10,600	-2.8%

NORTH DAKOTA
NONAG WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT

(Rounded to fifty)

INDUSTRIES	CURRENT MONTH	PREVIOUS MONTH	% CHANGE FROM	ONE YEAR AGO	% CHANGE FROM
Benchmark 90/1	August 1991	July 1991	July 1991	August 1990	August 1990
RETAIL TRADE	53,250	53,150	0.2%	51,700	3.0%
Hardware & Garden	2,500	2,500	0.0%	2,400	4.2%
General Merchandise	7,500	7,300	2.7%	6,300	19.0%
Food Stores	7,400	7,400	0.0%	7,300	1.4%
Auto Dealers & Service Stations	6,900	6,900	0.0%	7,000	-1.4%
Apparel & Accessory	2,500	2,500	0.0%	2,600	-3.8%
Furniture Stores	1,650	1,650	0.0%	1,700	-2.9%
Eating & Drinking Places	19,000	19,100	-0.5%	18,800	1.1%
Misc Retail	5,800	5,800	0.0%	5,600	3.6%
FINANCE, INS & REAL ESTATE	12,750	12,750	0.0%	12,500	2.0%
Finance	6,550	6,550	0.0%	6,550	0.0%
Banking	5,600	5,600	0.0%	5,600	0.0%
Other Finance	950	950	0.0%	950	0.0%
Insurance	4,200	4,250	-1.2%	4,050	3.7%
Insurance Underwriters	2,700	2,700	0.0%	2,600	3.8%
Insurance Agents & Brokers	1,500	1,550	-3.2%	1,450	3.4%
Real Estate	2,000	1,950	2.6%	1,900	5.3%
SERVICES	71,500	71,300	0.3%	69,700	2.6%
Lodging	4,800	4,700	2.1%	4,700	2.1%
Personal & Business	8,200	8,200	0.0%	8,100	1.2%
Personal Services	3,200	3,200	0.0%	3,100	3.2%
Business Services	5,000	5,000	0.0%	5,000	0.0%
Recreational Services	2,900	3,000	-3.3%	2,900	0.0%
Health Services	30,100	30,100	0.0%	29,000	3.8%
Nursing & Hospital	22,100	22,100	0.0%	21,100	4.7%
Other Health	8,000	8,000	0.0%	7,900	1.3%
Educational Services	2,600	2,400	8.3%	2,500	4.0%
Social Services	7,100	7,100	0.0%	6,600	7.6%
Membership Organizations	8,200	8,300	-1.2%	8,200	0.0%
Other Services	7,600	7,500	1.3%	7,700	-1.3%
Auto & Misc Repair	2,300	2,200	4.5%	2,400	-4.2%
Legal Services	1,500	1,500	0.0%	1,500	0.0%
Misc Services	3,800	3,800	0.0%	3,800	0.0%
GOVERNMENT	60,600	61,600	-1.6%	60,700	-0.2%
Federal	10,300	10,300	0.0%	10,400	-1.0%
State & Local	50,300	51,300	-1.9%	50,300	0.0%
State Government	17,600	18,300	-3.8%	17,300	1.7%
Educational Services	10,000	10,600	-5.7%	10,000	0.0%
Other State Government	7,600	7,700	-1.3%	7,300	4.1%
Local Government	32,700	33,000	-0.9%	33,000	-0.9%
Educational Services	13,600	13,900	-2.2%	13,500	0.7%
Other Local Government	19,100	19,100	0.0%	19,500	-2.1%

BISMARCK MSA
NONAG WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT

(Rounded to fifty)

INDUSTRIES	CURRENT MONTH	PREVIOUS MONTH	% CHANGE FROM	ONE YEAR AGO	% CHANGE FROM
Benchmark 90/1	August 1991	July 1991	July 1991	August 1990	August 1990
TOTAL NONAG	42,150	41,500	1.6%	40,250	4.7%
GOODS PRODUCING	4,950	4,950	0.0%	4,500	10.0%
MINING & CONSTRUCTION	2,600	2,600	0.0%	2,200	18.2%
MANUFACTURING	2,350	2,350	0.0%	2,300	2.2%
Durable Goods	1,000	1,000	0.0%	1,000	0.0%
Nondurable Goods	1,350	1,350	0.0%	1,300	3.8%
SERVICES PRODUCING	37,200	36,550	1.8%	35,750	4.1%
TRANS, COMM. & UTILITIES	2,950	2,950	0.0%	2,850	3.5%
Transportation	1,250	1,250	0.0%	1,200	4.2%
Communications & Utilities	1,700	1,700	0.0%	1,650	3.0%
WHOLESALE TRADE	2,100	2,100	0.0%	2,200	-4.5%
RETAIL TRADE	8,700	8,450	3.0%	8,350	4.2%
General Merchandise & Apparel	1,750	1,700	2.9%	1,600	9.4%
Food Stores	1,100	1,050	4.8%	1,050	4.8%
Auto Dealers & Service Stations	1,050	1,000	5.0%	1,100	-4.5%
Eating & Drinking Places	3,000	2,900	3.4%	2,900	3.4%
Other Retail	1,800	1,800	0.0%	1,700	5.9%
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	1,550	1,500	3.3%	1,550	0.0%
SERVICES	13,100	12,700	3.1%	12,250	6.9%
Lodging	1,050	1,000	5.0%	950	10.5%
Personal & Business	1,500	1,550	-3.2%	1,450	3.4%
Health Services	5,600	5,500	1.8%	5,200	7.7%
Educational Services	650	400	62.5%	350	85.7%
Social Services	1,250	1,250	0.0%	1,150	8.7%
Membership Organizations	1,250	1,250	0.0%	1,350	-7.4%
Other Services	1,800	1,750	2.9%	1,800	0.0%
GOVERNMENT	8,800	8,850	-0.6%	8,550	2.9%
Federal	1,150	1,150	0.0%	1,150	0.0%
State	4,150	4,200	-1.2%	4,050	2.5%
State Education	250	300	-16.7%	250	0.0%
Other State	3,900	3,900	0.0%	3,800	2.6%
Local	3,500	3,500	0.0%	3,350	4.5%
Local Education	1,500	1,500	0.0%	1,600	-6.3%
Other Local	2,000	2,000	0.0%	1,750	14.3%

FARGO-MOORHEAD MSA
NONAG WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT

(Rounded to fifty)

INDUSTRIES	CURRENT MONTH	PREVIOUS MONTH	% CHANGE FROM	ONE YEAR AGO	% CHANGE FROM
Benchmark 90/1	August 1991	July 1991	July 1991	August 1990	August 1990
TOTAL NONAG	78,700	78,600	0.1%	76,900	2.3%
GOODS PRODUCING	10,250	9,850	4.1%	10,500	-2.4%
MINING & CONSTRUCTION	4,400	4,300	2.3%	4,500	-2.2%
Special Trade	2,200	2,200	0.0%	2,300	-4.3%
Other Mining & Construction	2,200	2,100	4.8%	2,200	0.0%
MANUFACTURING	5,850	5,550	5.4%	6,000	-2.5%
Durable Goods	2,900	2,700	7.4%	3,050	-4.9%
Fabricated Metals & Machinery	1,550	1,400	10.7%	1,600	-3.1%
Other Durable Goods	1,350	1,300	3.8%	1,450	-6.9%
Nondurable Goods	2,950	2,850	3.5%	2,950	0.0%
Food & Kindred	1,900	1,800	5.6%	1,900	0.0%
Other Nondurable Goods	1,050	1,050	0.0%	1,050	0.0%
SERVICES PRODUCING	68,450	68,750	-0.4%	66,400	3.1%
TRANS, COMM & UTILITIES	4,800	4,800	0.0%	4,700	2.1%
Trucking & Warehousing	2,300	2,300	0.0%	2,200	4.5%
Other Transportation	900	900	0.0%	900	0.0%
Communications & Utilities	1,600	1,600	0.0%	1,600	0.0%
WHOLESALE TRADE	6,900	7,000	-1.4%	6,900	0.0%
Durable Goods	3,800	3,900	-2.6%	3,900	-2.6%
Nondurable Goods	3,100	3,100	0.0%	3,000	3.3%
RETAIL TRADE	16,200	16,100	0.6%	15,800	2.5%
General Merchandise & Apparel	3,200	3,200	0.0%	2,900	10.3%
Food Stores	2,100	2,100	0.0%	2,100	0.0%
Auto Dealers & Service Stations	2,000	2,000	0.0%	2,000	0.0%
Eating & Drinking Places	6,100	6,000	1.7%	6,000	1.7%
Other Retail	2,800	2,800	0.0%	2,800	0.0%
FINANCE, INS & REAL ESTATE	4,750	4,750	0.0%	4,650	2.2%
Finance	2,000	2,000	0.0%	2,000	0.0%
Insurance Carriers	1,600	1,600	0.0%	1,550	3.2%
Other Insurance & Real Estate	1,150	1,150	0.0%	1,100	4.5%
SERVICES	22,400	22,400	0.0%	21,250	5.4%
Lodging	1,400	1,400	0.0%	1,400	0.0%
Personal & Business	3,900	3,800	2.6%	3,600	8.3%
Recreation & Amusement	1,050	1,150	-8.7%	950	10.5%
Health Services	8,400	8,400	0.0%	8,100	3.7%
Educational Services	1,500	1,500	0.0%	1,400	7.1%
Social Services	1,850	1,800	2.8%	1,650	12.1%
Membership Organizations	1,500	1,550	-3.2%	1,450	3.4%
Other Services	2,800	2,800	0.0%	2,700	3.7%
GOVERNMENT	13,400	13,700	-2.2%	13,100	2.3%
Federal	2,300	2,300	0.0%	2,300	0.0%
State	4,800	4,800	0.0%	5,100	-5.9%
State Education	4,200	4,200	0.0%	4,500	-6.7%
Other State	600	600	0.0%	600	0.0%
Local	6,300	6,600	-4.5%	5,700	10.5%
Local Education	3,200	3,400	-5.9%	2,800	14.3%
Other Local	3,100	3,200	-3.1%	2,900	6.9%

GRAND FORKS MSA
NONAG WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT

(Rounded to fifty)

INDUSTRIES	CURRENT MONTH	PREVIOUS MONTH	% CHANGE FROM	ONE YEAR AGO	% CHANGE FROM
Benchmark 90/1	August 1991	July 1991	July 1991	August 1990	August 1990
TOTAL NONAG	31,350	31,550	-0.6%	30,450	3.0%
GOODS PRODUCING	2,850	3,050	-6.6%	2,800	1.8%
MINING & CONSTRUCTION	1,400	1,400	0.0%	1,550	-9.7%
MANUFACTURING	1,450	1,650	-12.1%	1,250	16.0%
Durable Goods	600	650	-7.7%	550	9.1%
Nondurable Goods	850	1,000	-15.0%	700	21.4%
SERVICES PRODUCING	28,500	28,500	0.0%	27,650	3.1%
TRANS, COMM. & UTILITIES	1,700	1,750	-2.9%	1,650	3.0%
Transportation	1,050	1,050	0.0%	1,000	5.0%
Communications & Utilities	650	700	-7.1%	650	0.0%
WHOLESALE TRADE	1,600	1,600	0.0%	1,600	0.0%
RETAIL TRADE	8,000	7,900	1.3%	7,650	4.6%
General Merchandise & Apparel	2,100	2,000	5.0%	1,850	13.5%
Eating & Drinking Places	2,900	2,900	0.0%	2,900	0.0%
Other Retail	3,000	3,000	0.0%	2,900	3.4%
FINANCE, INS. & REAL ESTATE	1,100	1,100	0.0%	1,100	0.0%
SERVICES	7,750	7,650	1.3%	7,250	6.9%
Personal & Business	1,050	1,050	0.0%	950	10.5%
Health Services	3,100	3,000	3.3%	2,900	6.9%
Other Services	3,600	3,600	0.0%	3,400	5.9%
GOVERNMENT	8,350	8,500	-1.8%	8,400	-0.6%
Federal	1,500	1,500	0.0%	1,550	-3.2%
State	4,500	4,700	-4.3%	4,600	-2.2%
State Education	4,000	4,200	-4.8%	4,100	-2.4%
Other State	500	500	0.0%	500	0.0%
Local	2,350	2,300	2.2%	2,250	4.4%
Local Education	1,000	950	5.3%	1,000	0.0%
Other Local	1,350	1,350	0.0%	1,250	8.0%

UNITED STATES

MANUFACTURING HOURS AND EARNINGS

INDUSTRY	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	AUG 1991	JUL 1991	AUG 1990	AUG 1991	JUL 1991	AUG 1990	AUG 1991	JUL 1991	AUG 1990
MANUFACTURING	458.08	453.29	441.05	40.9	40.4	40.8	11.20	11.22	10.81
Durable Goods	486.16	480.67	468.76	41.2	40.7	41.3	11.80	11.81	11.35
Nondurable Goods	422.42	417.35	407.43	40.5	39.9	40.3	10.43	10.46	10.11

NORTH DAKOTA

MANUFACTURING HOURS AND EARNINGS

INDUSTRY	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	AUG 1991	JUL 1991	AUG 1990	AUG 1991	JUL 1991	AUG 1990	AUG 1991	JUL 1991	AUG 1990
MANUFACTURING	370.93	367.35	353.13	40.1	39.5	39.5	9.25	9.30	8.94
Durable Goods	390.29	385.92	377.80	41.3	40.2	41.2	9.45	9.60	9.17
Nondurable Goods	348.30	345.59	321.53	38.7	38.7	37.3	9.00	8.93	8.62
Food & Kindred	366.61	352.63	319.98	41.1	40.3	37.6	8.92	8.75	8.51

FARGO-MOORHEAD MSA

MANUFACTURING HOURS AND EARNINGS

INDUSTRY	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	AUG 1991	JUL 1991	AUG 1990	AUG 1991	JUL 1991	AUG 1990	AUG 1991	JUL 1991	AUG 1990
MANUFACTURING	347.06	338.96	345.43	37.0	38.0	38.9	9.38	8.92	8.88
Durable Goods	358.27	343.09	358.90	39.5	39.3	41.3	9.07	8.73	8.69
Nondurable Goods	334.43	335.62	331.60	34.3	36.8	36.4	9.75	9.12	9.11

LABOR FORCE

INDUSTRIES	CURRENT MONTH	PREVIOUS MONTH	% CHANGE FROM	ONE YEAR AGO	% CHANGE FROM
Benchmark 90/1	August 1991	July 1991	July 1991	August 1990	August 1990
UNITED STATES *					
(In Thousands)					
Labor Force	124,904	125,214	-0.2%	124,705	0.2%
Employment	116,416	116,713	-0.3%	117,690	-1.1%
Unemployment	8,488	8,501	-0.2%	7,015	21.0%
Unemployment Rate	6.8%	6.8%	xxx	5.6%	xxx
NORTH DAKOTA					
Labor Force	326,130	326,540	-0.1%	337,660	-3.4%
Employment	311,980	313,700	-0.5%	326,030	-4.3%
Unemployment	14,150	12,840	10.2%	11,630	21.7%
Unemployment Rate	4.3%	3.9%	xxx	3.4%	xxx
BISMARCK MSA					
Labor Force	48,920	48,720	0.4%	49,140	-0.4%
Employment	47,020	46,820	0.4%	47,580	-1.2%
Unemployment	1,900	1,900	0.0%	1,560	21.8%
Unemployment Rate	3.9%	3.9%	xxx	3.2%	xxx
FARGO-MOORHEAD MSA					
Labor Force	88,790	90,750	-2.2%	90,030	-1.4%
Employment	86,350	88,150	-2.0%	87,960	-1.8%
Unemployment	2,440	2,600	-6.2%	2,070	17.9%
Unemployment Rate	2.7%	2.9%	xxx	2.3%	xxx
GRAND FORKS MSA					
Labor Force	35,440	35,560	-0.3%	36,220	-2.2%
Employment	33,940	34,380	-1.3%	34,910	-2.8%
Unemployment	1,500	1,180	27.1%	1,310	14.5%
Unemployment Rate	4.2%	3.3%	xxx	3.6%	xxx

U. S. data seasonally adjusted, other data not seasonally adjusted.

* Break in Series. Data published for May 1991 and all prior months included the resident Armed Forces.
Data for June 1991 and subsequent months excludes the resident Armed Forces.

The Bismarck Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) includes Burleigh and Morton Counties.
The Fargo-Moorhead MSA includes Cass and Clay Counties.
The Grand Forks MSA includes Grand Forks County.

BORDERING STATE LABOR FORCE COMPARISONS

(In Thousands)
JUL 1991

	NORTH DAKOTA	MINNESOTA	SOUTH DAKOTA	MONTANA
Labor Force	326.5	2,502.0	363.2	409.0
Employment	313.7	2,392.9	351.4	383.9
Unemployment	12.8	109.1	11.8	25.1
Unemployment Rate	3.9%	4.4%	3.2%	6.1%

U. S. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX

ALL URBAN CONSUMERS

(1982-84 = 100)

ITEM	ANNUAL AVERAGE 1990	AUG 1991	JUL 1991	Percent Change From JUL 1991	AUG 1990	Percent Change From AUG 1990
All Items	130.7	136.6	136.2	0.3%	131.6	3.8%
Food & Beverage	132.1	136.6	137.1	-0.4%	132.7	2.9%
Housing	128.5	134.5	134.2	0.2%	130.2	3.3%
Apparel & Upkeep	124.1	127.6	125.2	1.9%	122.2	4.4%
Transportation	120.5	123.8	123.4	0.3%	120.6	2.7%
Medical Care	162.8	178.9	177.5	0.8%	165.0	8.4%
Entertainment	132.4	139.2	138.6	0.4%	133.0	4.7%
All Other	159.0	172.2	170.8	0.8%	160.4	7.4%

PRODUCER PRICE INDEX

UNITED STATES AVERAGE

ITEM	ANNUAL AVERAGE 1990	AUG 1991	JUL 1991	Percent Change From JUL 1991	AUG 1990	Percent Change From AUG 1990
All Commodities	116.3	116.2	116.0	0.2%	116.5	-0.3%
Farm Products & Processed Foods and Feeds	118.6	115.3	116.3	-0.9%	119.1	-3.2%
Industrial Commodities	115.8	116.4	116.0	0.3%	115.9	0.4%

LABOR FORCE - BY COUNTY - BY REGION

Benchmark 90/1	LABOR FORCE			EMPLOYMENT			UNEMPLOYMENT			RATE		
	AUG'91	JUL'91	AUG'90	AUG'91	JUL'91	AUG'90	AUG'91	JUL'91	AUG'90	AUG'91	JUL'91	AUG'90
Divide	1,260	1,261	1,387	1,232	1,231	1,360	28	30	27	2.2%	2.4%	1.9%
McKenzie	2,475	2,374	2,831	2,360	2,259	2,740	115	115	91	4.6%	4.8%	3.2%
Williams	11,554	11,267	11,787	10,817	10,771	11,418	737	496	369	6.4%	4.4%	3.1%
REGION 1	**15,289**	**14,902**	**16,005**	**14,409**	**14,261**	**15,518**	**880**	**641**	**487**	**5.8%**	**4.3%**	**3.0%**
Bottineau	3,027	3,060	3,318	2,902	2,945	3,192	125	115	126	4.1%	3.8%	3.8%
Burke	1,191	1,213	1,259	1,125	1,150	1,220	66	63	39	5.5%	5.2%	3.1%
McHenry	2,366	2,321	2,586	2,189	2,155	2,376	177	166	210	7.5%	7.2%	8.1%
Mountrail	3,285	3,266	3,399	3,035	3,051	3,197	250	215	202	7.6%	6.6%	5.9%
Pierce	2,347	2,362	2,541	2,278	2,298	2,494	69	64	47	2.9%	2.7%	1.8%
Renville	1,138	1,141	1,183	1,074	1,089	1,156	64	52	27	5.6%	4.6%	2.3%
Ward	25,796	26,196	26,717	24,778	25,285	25,789	1,018	911	928	3.9%	3.5%	3.5%
REGION 2	**39,150**	**39,559**	**41,003**	**37,381**	**37,973**	**39,424**	**1,769**	**1,586**	**1,579**	**4.5%**	**4.0%**	**3.9%**
Benson	2,755	2,670	3,034	2,496	2,455	2,771	259	215	263	9.4%	8.1%	8.7%
Cavalier	2,426	2,440	2,630	2,329	2,329	2,532	97	111	98	4.0%	4.5%	3.7%
Eddy	1,285	1,286	1,416	1,202	1,209	1,348	83	77	68	6.5%	6.0%	4.8%
Ramsey	6,552	6,577	6,889	6,380	6,384	6,719	172	193	170	2.6%	2.9%	2.5%
Rolette	4,313	4,015	4,703	3,467	3,328	3,840	846	687	863	19.6%	17.1%	18.3%
Towner	1,728	1,743	1,846	1,692	1,685	1,810	36	58	36	2.1%	3.3%	2.0%
REGION 3	**19,059**	**18,731**	**20,518**	**17,566**	**17,390**	**19,020**	**1,493**	**1,341**	**1,498**	**7.8%**	**7.2%**	**7.3%**
Grand Forks	35,441	35,561	36,216	33,938	34,379	34,910	1,503	1,182	1,306	4.2%	3.3%	3.6%
Nelson	1,757	1,774	1,909	1,710	1,712	1,851	47	62	58	2.7%	3.5%	3.0%
Pembina	5,391	5,094	5,519	4,574	4,696	4,971	817	398	548	15.2%	7.8%	9.9%
Walsh	7,470	7,718	7,930	7,152	7,387	7,572	318	331	358	4.3%	4.3%	4.5%
REGION 4	**50,059**	**50,147**	**51,574**	**47,374**	**48,174**	**49,304**	**2,685**	**1,973**	**2,270**	**5.4%**	**3.9%**	**4.4%**
Cass	62,425	62,869	63,925	60,976	61,386	62,805	1,449	1,483	1,120	2.3%	2.4%	1.8%
Ransom	2,669	2,681	2,832	2,608	2,618	2,789	61	63	43	2.3%	2.3%	1.5%
Richland	8,500	8,604	8,790	8,086	8,127	8,451	414	477	339	4.9%	5.5%	3.9%
Sargent	2,811	2,839	2,886	2,757	2,772	2,850	54	67	36	1.9%	2.4%	1.2%
Steele	1,055	1,046	1,156	1,043	1,018	1,129	12	28	27	1.1%	2.7%	2.3%
Traill	3,870	4,045	4,197	3,662	3,814	4,027	208	231	170	5.4%	5.7%	4.1%
REGION 5	**81,330**	**82,084**	**83,786**	**79,132**	**79,735**	**82,051**	**2,198**	**2,349**	**1,735**	**2.7%**	**2.9%**	**2.1%**

LABOR FORCE - BY COUNTY - BY REGION

Benchmark 90/1	LABOR FORCE			EMPLOYMENT			UNEMPLOYMENT			RATE		
	AUG'91	JUL'91	AUG'90	AUG'91	JUL'91	AUG'90	AUG'91	JUL'91	AUG'90	AUG'91	JUL'91	AUG'90
Barnes	5,580	5,695	5,872	5,436	5,517	5,721	144	178	151	2.6%	3.1%	2.6%
Dickey	2,971	2,966	3,172	2,900	2,871	3,092	71	95	80	2.4%	3.2%	2.5%
Foster	2,054	2,069	2,207	1,998	2,008	2,147	56	61	60	2.7%	2.9%	2.7%
Griggs	1,398	1,424	1,547	1,362	1,385	1,519	36	39	28	2.6%	2.7%	1.8%
La Moure	2,146	2,167	2,303	2,111	2,131	2,264	35	36	39	1.6%	1.7%	1.7%
Logan	1,374	1,353	1,462	1,311	1,325	1,429	63	28	33	4.6%	2.1%	2.3%
McIntosh	2,071	2,068	2,251	2,045	2,038	2,221	26	30	30	1.3%	1.5%	1.3%
Stutsman	11,079	11,065	11,980	10,761	10,677	11,692	318	388	288	2.9%	3.5%	2.4%
Wells	2,625	2,719	2,807	2,503	2,585	2,684	122	134	123	4.6%	4.9%	4.4%
REGION 6	31,298	31,526	33,601	30,427	30,537	32,769	871	989	832	2.8%	3.1%	2.5%
Burleigh	35,771	35,639	35,973	34,506	34,357	34,913	1,265	1,282	1,060	3.5%	3.6%	2.9%
Emmons	2,117	2,088	2,251	2,063	2,042	2,201	54	46	50	2.6%	2.2%	2.2%
Grant	1,782	1,708	1,871	1,664	1,649	1,817	118	59	54	6.6%	3.5%	2.9%
Kidder	1,400	1,420	1,520	1,337	1,349	1,427	63	71	93	4.5%	5.0%	6.1%
McLean	4,402	4,392	4,475	4,140	4,155	4,291	262	237	184	6.0%	5.4%	4.1%
Mercer	5,749	5,851	5,805	5,342	5,397	5,554	407	454	251	7.1%	7.8%	4.3%
Morton	13,147	13,080	13,159	12,517	12,463	12,664	630	617	495	4.8%	4.7%	3.8%
Oliver	1,095	1,090	1,094	1,032	1,033	1,064	63	57	30	5.8%	5.2%	2.7%
Sheridan	1,132	1,133	1,208	1,094	1,106	1,175	38	27	33	3.4%	2.4%	2.7%
Sioux	1,267	1,163	1,228	789	793	842	478	370	386	37.7%	31.8%	31.4%
REGION 7	67,862	67,564	68,584	64,484	64,344	65,948	3,378	3,220	2,636	5.0%	4.8%	3.8%
Adams	1,785	1,822	1,814	1,743	1,783	1,784	42	39	30	2.4%	2.1%	1.7%
Billings	1,333	1,284	1,251	1,305	1,269	1,235	28	15	16	2.1%	1.2%	1.3%
Bowman	2,211	2,228	2,269	2,148	2,155	2,249	63	73	20	2.8%	3.3%	0.9%
Dunn	1,609	1,611	1,738	1,527	1,536	1,670	82	75	68	5.1%	4.7%	3.9%
Gldn Valley	1,020	1,019	1,080	989	989	1,066	31	30	14	3.0%	2.9%	1.3%
Hettinger	1,637	1,648	1,820	1,595	1,603	1,754	42	45	66	2.6%	2.7%	3.6%
Slope	452	445	482	431	417	458	21	28	24	4.6%	6.3%	5.0%
Stark	12,039	11,976	12,137	11,471	11,539	11,781	568	437	356	4.7%	3.6%	2.9%
REGION 8	22,086	22,033	22,591	21,209	21,291	21,997	877	742	594	4.0%	3.4%	2.6%
STATE TOTALS	326,132	326,548	337,664	311,982	313,704	326,032	14,150	12,844	11,632	4.3%	3.9%	3.4%

DEFINITIONS

EMPLOYED: A count of individuals 16 years of age or older who worked for pay any time during the week which included the 12th of the month or who worked unpaid for 15 hours or more in a family-operated enterprise.

UNEMPLOYED: Includes all individuals who did not work during the survey week, but were available for work except for temporary illness, and had looked for jobs within the preceding four weeks.

LABOR FORCE: The sum of the employed and the unemployed.

UNEMPLOYMENT RATE: The number of unemployed as a percent of the total labor force.

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX: A monthly statistical measure of the average change in prices in a fixed market basket of goods and services. Though the CPI is often call the "Cost of Living Index," it measures only price change, which is just one of several important factors affecting living costs. The index is produced by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U. S. Department of Labor.

PRODUCER PRICE INDEX: This index measures the average changes in prices received in primary markets of the United States by producers of commodities in all states of processing. The index is produced by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U. S. Department of Labor.

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT: An estimate of all full- and part-time wage and salary employees who worked during, or received pay from the pay period which included the 12th of the month. Estimates measure the number of jobs by industry and reflect employment by place of work.

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216 Second Street
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BEULAH
119 East Main
Phone: 873-5607

DEVILS LAKE
301 South College Drive
Phone: 662- 2181

DICKINSON
66 Osborn Drive
Phone: 227-2361

FARGO
1350 32nd Street South
Phone: 239-7100

NDSU-FARGO
Career Services
211 Ceres Hall
Phone: 237-7111

FORT TOTTEN
Tribal Building
Phone: 766-4221, Ext. 45

FORT YATES
Job Service Building
Phone: 854-7463

GRAFTON
927 12th St. West
Phone: 352-4450

GRAND FORKS
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